

# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

## TRANSMITTAL

**(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

<b>To:</b> <b>Commissioner for Patents</b> Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket No.:826.1752	
First Named Inventor	Hiroshi TSUDA et al.		
Application No.	09/960,300	Group Art Unit	3627
Filing Date	September 24, 2001	Examiner	Lynda C. Jasmin
CPA Filing Date	Confirmation No 4780		
Title of Invention	MERCHANDISE MANAGEMENT METHOD, MERCHANDISE RECOMMENDATION METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM THEREFOR		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1.

**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 15, 2008  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other

2.

**Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b.  Other